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Applicant: Baumann et al.

Title: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND
METHODS FOR DETECTING
HEPATITIS C VIRAL NUCLEIC
ACIDS

Appl. No.: 10/759,514

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Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 4, 2006, Applicants hereby provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-6, drawn to a substantially purified oligonucleotide. Applicants further elect as species SEQ ID NO: 4.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement with respect to the species election. SEQ ID NO: 4 is an upstream primer for preparing lambda phage/HCV hybrid nucleic acid while SEQ ID NO:5 is the downstream primer. Because of the similarity of purpose of these primers, Applicants request that both SEQ ID NO: 4 and SEQ ID NO: 5 be searched initially and that if no prior art be found, that the examiner expand the search to the remaining species.

No fee is believed due with this filing, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated,

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